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SUBJECT: MTN: BILATERAL CONSULTATION WITH MEXICAN DELEGATION

REF: GENEVA 5331

1. GARRIDO-RUIZ, CHIEF OF MEXICAN DELEGATION, REQUESTED CONSULTATION WITH ME TO CLARIFY U.S. POSITION EXPRESSED IN 7 PLUS 7 MEETING. GARRIDO INDICATED THAT MEXICO VERY INTERESTED IN TNC SUMMARY THAT WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE DESIRABILITY OF EARLY AND CONCRETE RESULTS. HOWEVER, HE SAID MEXICO AND OTHER LDC DELEGATIONS WANTED TO ADD SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF AREAS WHERE CONCRETE RESULTS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED (READ THOSE AREAS OF INTEREST TO LDCS). I RESPONDED THAT WE VIEWED CONCRETE RESULTS AS EMERGING QTE FROM THE GROUND UP UNQTE IN WORKING GROUP SESSIONS AS ISSUES WERE JOINED, RATHER THAN BEING IMPOSED QTE FROM THE TOP DOWN UNQTE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE ADVANTAGE OF THIS APPROACH FOR ACCOMPLISHING PRACTICAL PROGRESS. HE THEN PROPOSED, INSTEAD OF EXAMPLES, THAT THE U.S. STATEMENT TO THE TNC INCLUDE, AMONG THE QTE CONCRETE RESULTS UNQTE IT WOULD LIKE WORKING GROUPS TO IDENTIFY DURING THE AUTUMN, THE POSSIBILITY OF RESPONSES BY DCS TO SOME LDC PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT IN SOME OF THE WORKING GROUPS. HE INDICATED THAT THE LDCS WITH WHOM HE IS

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IN CONTACT WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT THE U.S. INITIATIVE WITH

SUCH AN ADDITION. I TOOK NOTE OF HIS REMARKS AND SAID I
WOULD RESPOND AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH MY GOVERNMENT.

2. AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE WOULD INVOLVE MODIFYING PARAGRAPH
16 OF THE DRAFT DENT SPEECH BY ADDING AS ONE OF THE
QTE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT FORMS UNQTE OF QTE CONCRETE RESULTS UNQTE
LISTED THEREIN, RESPONSES BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CERTAIN
LDC PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT.

3. RECOMMEND THAT WE ACCEPT GARRIDO'S PROPOSAL AND THAT I
BE AUTHORIZED TO SO ADVISE HIM. IMPORTANT I BE GIVEN
INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONDING TO GARRIDO BEFORE NOON ON
MONDAY WHEN LDC CAUCUS LUNCHEON OCCURS.

4. FYI: GARRIDO INDICATED THERE WAS GROWING LDC
CONSENSUS THAT REFORM OF THE TRADING SYSTEM WAS A
PRIORITY TASK AND THAT REFORM OF PART IV THE MOST
IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE TASK. HE FLOATED THE NOTION
OF A SEPARATE GROUP TO REVIEW THIS MATTER, BUT I WAS NOT
ENCOURAGING. FINALLY, HE INDICATED MEXICO WAS OPPOSED
TO DISCUSSION OF SUPPLY ACCESS QUESTIONS, OR FOR THAT
MATTER, A SECRETARIAT ANALYSIS ON THE ISSUE PRIOR TO THE
ACTUAL TABLING BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (READ US, EC AND
JAPAN) POSITIONS AND SPECIFIC GOALS IN THIS AREA. WALKER

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